

FOR THE HOSTESS

TWO NEW AND PLEASING FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT.

Novel Shower Arranged for Prospective Bride—"Side" Show at a Bazaar an Effective Means of Raising Money.

A prospective autumn bride has just been the recipient of a shower that has the merit of being practical, acceptable and inexpensive, three very important items. It all came about in this way: A young matron was heard to remark that her greatest need when she first went to house-keeping was actually for rags or something with which to clean.

She said she didn't exactly like to give her cleaning "lady" hand-embroidered towels and drawn-work doilies, so she had to go out and buy cheap material by the yard, for windows and interior cleaning.

This was the hostess' cue, so she asked eight other young matrons to this shower, and here is what the bride-to-be took home with her: A clothespin bag filled with pins, six ironing blankets, six iron holders, six bread cloths, two jelly bags, six squares of old sheeting for window rags, a half dozen worsted towels—"for there is nothing more exasperating than new towels for glassware," said the girl who brought them. A dozen felt pads to go between fine china plates was a valued contribution; as was also a set of asbestos pads and mats.

Of course a shower like this is only for the bride who is to go right to house-keeping. Delicious waffles with maple syrup and coffee were served, as the day was cool. The table was square and had tow stunning crash runners, ornamented with gorgeous peacocks, the diningroom being done in wonderfully effective peacock blue and green shades. Each guest gave an interesting item concerning household economics, all this experience being most interesting and helpful to the expectant housekeeper.

New Way to Raise Money.

This scheme is adaptable to a club, or society desirous of making money. It is especially good for a "side" show at a bazaar. Have a separate room or room called "The Art Gallery." Supply each one who enters with a catalogue and explain that for each object that is not recognized there shall be a fine paid of five or ten cents, the amount to be decided upon.

The catalogues are to be checked up at the treasurer's office and payment made. A sign marked "silence" will warn the visitors that suggesting or thinking out loud is strictly prohibited. It is a most entertaining feature and all clear profit. Here is a partial list of what the gallery may contain:

1. The Belle of the Season. (A dinner bell.)
2. Saved. (A bank containing a few pennies.)
3. An Absorbing Subject. (A sponge.)
4. A Drawing Subject. (A sponge.)
5. A Skipper's Home. (A cheese.)
6. A Young Man's Horror. (The mitten.)
7. The Light of Other Days. (A candle.)
8. Tears. (An onion.)
9. Can't Be Beat. (A turnip.)
10. The Four Seasons. (Salt, Pepper, vinegar and mustard.)
11. A Regular Bore. (A ginkgo.)
12. Family Jars. (Fruit jars, three sizes.)
13. True to the Core. (An apple.)
14. A Prison Scene. (A mouse in a trap.)
15. A Switch Tender. (A hairpin.)
16. A Bunch of Dates. (A calendar.)

MADAME MERRI.

Boy's Evening Dress.

The lad who is the juvenile "glass of fashion" and "mold of form" will wear at dancing class, parties and other festive evening events a suit which is the exact duplicate of the one worn by the little Eton boy. This consists of long trousers, a coat which reaches the waist line and a lay-down linen collar. A delicious little white vest is the usual accompaniment of this suit and a little high silk hat or "talker" will be worn out of doors.



Exercise solely will cure sleeplessness and food that is easily digested should be eaten.

Practice deep breathing. A person with fully developed lung capacity purifies his blood several times per minute.

A cup of cold water before retiring and a cup of hot water in the morning before breakfast work like magic as a cure for indigestion.

Almond meal is preferred by some women to soap and acts as a pleasing alternative to soap at any time. This softens, cleanses and whitens the skin.

The most easily digested foods which contain the greatest amount of nourishment and are free from acids and starches are those best adapted to the child's needs.

To soften and perfume the bathing water mix together four ounces of alcohol, one-half ounce of ammonia and one dram of oil of lavender. A few drops of this mixture will be sufficient for a bowlful of water.

NEW KIND OF SATIN.

Indication That Modified Empire Styles Are to Be Worn.

There is a new weave of satin just displayed which is extra wide. It has been woven for the use of the dress-makers who have orders for the modified empire skirt, which is not gored. This seems to indicate early in the season that the great designers intend to keep to this model for the fall styles. It will not be extreme, but probably carried out on the lovely slender lines that the later empire gowns show.

In this extra wide lustrous satin there is a new shade of golden brown called rum. There are also dark grays in the soft smoke and elephant shades, and it is whispered that these will make up the dominant gowns.

The new myrtle tones are also of this satin and the brilliant gendarmes blue.

The grays will be embroidered in heavy silk bullion and padded silk floss in three shades of gray. Here and there there will be a touch of silver fringe, and when the gowns are built for elaborate evening wear, to be worn with a hat, the guimpes and long, wrinkled sleeves will be of the new coarse tulle embroidered with silver and rhinestones.

There seems to be a good deal of evidence coming from all sides that the dull grays are to take the place of vivid colors for elaborate gowns.

NEED OF ENOUGH SLEEP.

Perfect Health Can Not Be Attained or Kept Without It.

The amount of sleep one needs varies, like everything else, with the individual, but for the average person eight hours of sleep every night is just about right. When sleep has been missed it ought to be made up by a nap on the following day. Sleep is nature's restorer for all weakness and weariness and it rests and refreshes the new tissue which exercise builds. With the proper amount of sleep wrinkles are kept at bay and the skin does not assume that yellowish, muddy look which is seen in many people who keep irregular hours, and the cheeks are inclined to be pink and rosy with that greatest of all rouges—good health.

A hard, flat bed, no pillow, and a perfectly relaxed position, with the feet down straight and the arms at the sides in some comfortable position, are the constituents for the most perfect rest. The room must be swept by an abundance of fresh air the night through.

MORNING BLOUSE.



Linen or zephyr would make this a useful blouse. The yoke is cut in tabs on the shoulders, front and back, a button is sewn in each point; the material is box-plated below and set to a yoke. A slightly puffed sleeve is tucked to fit the arm and set into a cuff cut to correspond with yoke.

For Hair Losers.

Many complain that their hair does not stand brushing, but comes out in handfuls as soon as the brush is applied. This is probably due to an unhealthy condition of the scalp, and will require special treatment. Do not brush the hair very often, just enough to keep it smooth.

In order to have beautiful, luxurious hair it will be well to follow the practical hints in the following paragraphs minutely:

Never expose the hair to the sun for any length of time, unless it is blonde and you wish to bleach it.

Equally injurious is the roughening or "rattling" of the hair, by combing it the wrong way.

Gray hair requires even more care than brown, blonde or black ones. In order to bring out the delicate shade if not carefully washed and not immaculately clean, it will be streaky and inclined to show yellowish tones, which are far from pretty and not nearly so becoming and dignified as pure white or gray.

Stains on the Hands.

Lemon juice is very good for removing stains from the hands, and if a little salt is added to this juice, it is still more efficacious.

Rubbing with a bit of orange or lemon skin removes far stains. Care must be taken to wipe the hands dry immediately.

Before peeling Irish potatoes, the hands should be well dried, and should not be washed immediately after. By this slight precaution they will not be stained.

After peeling certain fruits and vegetables a little lemon juice removes all stains. The hands must first be well washed in water.

STORY NOT HUMOROUS TO HER.

Rather Good Reason for Woman's Lack of Appreciation.

The man who had once been a high school principal and had married one of his former pupils was in a reminiscent vein. "I think the funniest thing in my teaching experience was during an English recitation," he said. "It was my custom to read the class a little anecdote about a celebrated man and then ask them to write me a paragraph. This recitation I chose a tale about Paderewski's love for ice cream soda, and that upon leaving this country he 'rushed into a drug store for one more ice cream soda, which he ate with great gusto.' I had the papers passed around and the pupils read one another's aloud. What was my amazement when one pupil read: 'Paderewski dashed into a drug store, just before he sailed for home, and had some ice cream soda with his friend, Gusto.'"

The former principal laughed long and loudly and the guests joined in, but his wife laughed not at all. "You see," went on the former principal, "I meant to inquire who wrote that paper, but it slipped my mind, and so I never knew who the crazy person was."

Then the former principal's wife spoke. Samuel, she said, "I've heard you tell that story about twenty times every year of the five of our married life. And every time you tell it I grow less and less funny to me, for I write that paragraph, and I'm the crazy person you're always wondering about. Now I never wish to hear it again."

NO CHANCE FOR A FLIRTATION.

Railroad Restaurants in Cuba with Japanese and Chinese Servants.

When a cross-country Cuban railroad train pulls into Las Tunas or Ciego de Avila for the stop for food the traveler alights, prepared very likely to be waited upon by a black-eyed, red-lipped, dark-complexioned señorita or perhaps by a sturdy rascal of a waiter, either of whom is held to be typical of a Spanish-speaking country. Something to his surprise, then, he discovers that the railway restaurants are not served by Cubans or Americans either.

The servants are Japanese or Chinese, sometimes both. It comes as a shock to the traveler when he sees the men of the Orient handing out the food upon request and answering the Cuban questions in Spanish and the American interrogatories in English.

Just how these folks happened to come in no one seems to know. There are Japanese art stores that do business in Havana and also there are Chinese in the laundry business.

Ballooning Among the Clouds.

It has been my lot to see, in arctic regions, some hundreds of thousands of icebergs close at hand, and I have always believed them to be the most beautiful objects on earth; but the clouds of the sky, close at hand, are almost as beautiful. If you mount above one of these majestic things, swiftly overtopping one by one its folds and wreaths, and if, remembering how high it is, you look down and see only small green patches of earth through holes in the cloud carpet below, you have a little thrill of conception of how lonely a man would feel, falling away down there, and not being able to see the spot where he must alight. It is a safe little thrill, however; you know that you are not going to fall. Such dizziness as some persons feel in standing near great heights on the earth is almost unknown in ballooning.—Success Magazine.

The Bride Fell Down.

Sadly funny was a little drama at a recent wedding. "The bride," whispers a woman who attended, "was costumed after the approved discoloire fashion, which calls for corsets down to the knees, a collar up to the eyebrows, and tight sleeves that pinion the arms to one's side. She could not manage her long skirt and she fell flat as she tried to reach the chancel. Her father, who was giving her away, was unprepared for the fall and was dragged down by his white satin and lace daughter." This looks bad, not for the bride, but for the costume. The director woman simply can't sit down, and when she walks she is in danger of performing that clumsy and sometimes dangerous feat known as "falling all over yourself."

Truly a Forgetful Man.

The most forgetful man has been found. He lives in a little town in the upper part of York county. He fell ill with symptoms indicating appendicitis and submitted to an operation. To their great surprise and embarrassment the surgeons found that the appendix had already been removed. The patient afforded the necessary explanation when he recovered from the ether by stating that he remembered then, "come to think of it," that he had been through a similar operation two years ago.

Orators Have Free Hand.

Prof. Masterman, lecturing at Cambridge on modern England and the liberty of the subject, said there was enough treason spoken in Hyde park, London, on Sunday afternoons to fill a German fortress. Instead, the orators went home to tea. It is a remarkable fact, however, added the lecturer, that there is no state in Europe where attacks on the sovereign are so rare or so strongly resented by the people at large.

NEW YORK TRULY GREAT CITY.

Larger in Population Than Sixteen Different States and Territories.

Some one who is apt at figures has shown that New York city today is larger in population than 16 different states and territories, and further that within a radius of 20 miles are living over 10,000,000 people.

The improved methods of transportation, which are fast widening the limits of New York's business energy, will soon embrace a radius of 50 miles, within which are located 2,361 different towns and cities whose total population, with that of Greater New York, is equal to fully one-fifth of the population of the United States.

When it is realized that the permanent increase in population of New York last year was about 400,000, a city the size of Cleveland, O., some idea of the tremendous growth of the city can be appreciated. One of the assurances of a continued and permanent growth is to be found in the 50,000 marriages that take place every year.

Besides this permanent increase New York is entertaining an average of over 150,000 transient visitors every day, and at some seasons, when the hotel accommodations are taxed to their utmost, fully 300,000 people are chronicled in their home papers as "spending a few days in New York on pleasure and business."—National Magazine.

MORE THAN ONE DIFFERENCE.

Aspect of Case That Stockbroker Had Not Considered.

Edwin Markham, the poet, discussed rather impatiently in New York the semi-total pledge that has taken America by storm—the pledge never to drink between meals.

"One might keep such a pledge," said Mr. Markham, "and still not shine. I am reminded appositely of a rich stockbroker."

"This gentleman returned from luncheon one afternoon at about 3:30 o'clock. He took off his frock coat and top hat. He lighted a superb Havana. Then he leaned back in his revolving chair and put his patent leathers on his desk, among the pens, inkpots and business papers."

"I tell you, Miss Carruthers," he said—and he directed a beaming smile upon his beautiful, golden haired stenographer—"I tell you, the world looks different to a man when he's got a bottle of champagne inside of him."

"Yes, sir," she replied, "and he looks different to the world."

At Work on Large Dictionary.

New life is inspiring the monumental dictionary of the French language which it is the duty of the French Academy to produce. The venerable M. Gaston Boissier, the permanent secretary, scarcely had the energy in his later years to keep his colleagues at their work. His successor, M. Thureau-Dangin, in the new broom. He keeps a quorum of the illustrious gentlemen together at each session until they have traced all the literary ramifications of one word. If they continue at this rate a new edition of the famous work will be ready for publication in about ten years. Each edition has taken, hitherto, an average of 50 years to prepare, and the academicians are only at the letter F. Each sitting lasts two hours. Thirty members attended the first, there were 18 at the following one and ten at the third.

Toothsome Pains.

A strange case has just occurred at Portlucaw, England, showing the effect of the imagination in causing disease and cure.

A professional man on a visit there took out his four false teeth while shaving but, forgetting the fact and failing to find them later, suddenly concluded that he must have swallowed them accidentally. At once he began to suffer pains, a doctor was sent for, to whom he described his agonies; emetics were administered, but in vain, and the tortures made him twist his body convulsively.

Then a maid brought the teeth, which had dropped behind the dressing table, and instantly the pains ceased.

Had Slipped His Memory.

"Before I answer your question," said the great alienist, "permit me to refresh my memory." Hereupon he consulted a notebook. "May I ask," resumed the lawyer, "why you found it necessary to consult some memorandum before answering a simple hypothetical question of only a few thousand words?" "The fact is," replied the alienist, suavely, "that I'd forgot that to get the point of view. I'd forgotten which side I'd been retained on in this particular case. Kindly spring your conundrum again."

Handsomeness.

"There's no doubt about it," said the promoter, "when that nine does pay it will pay handsomely."

"I'm sure of it," answered the patient investor. "Judging by its prospectus and its certificates, its dividend checks ought to be works of art. The company can always be relied on to use pretty stationery."

Freak Photography.

The newest thing in freak photography in Egypt is posing for photographs in cardboard sphinx molds and mum cases. A hole is left where the face of the sphinx should be and English and American faces peer out from this vantage upon the photographer.

Medina.

Medina, the Holy City, which has been rejoicing over the opening of the Hedjaz railway, triumphed long ago over all the rivals in various parts of the world which bore the same name, which means simple "City." Notable among them were the old capital of Malta and Medina Sidonia in Spain, which gave his title to the Armada duke. The Arabian city was originally known as Yathrib, but owes its later name, El-Medina (the city) or Medinat Rasul Allah (the city of the apostle of God) to the Koran. To a good Mohammedan, as to a good Londoner, there is only one city with a big C. The nine or ten Medinas in the United States are namesakes, no doubt; but the River Medina, in the Isle of Wight, is obviously no relation. It has been guessed that this name and Medway simply mean "mid" river.

Long and Useful Life.

Mrs. Eva Perry Moore of St. Louis, the newly elected president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is a native of Rockford, Ill., and a Vassar graduate. From 1876 to 1879 she traveled abroad, spending her time in England, Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Holland and Belgium. Since her marriage she has traveled extensively in the United States and Mexico and has lived in Colorado, Kentucky and Missouri. She has been actively interested in the St. Louis training school for nurses, is a member of the board of directors of the Provident association and has been chairman of its district nurse work since its inception. She is general secretary of the Society of College Alumnae and is one of the three alumnae trustees of Vassar college.

Curious School Customs.

Mexican schoolmasters show their appreciation of a pupil's efforts in a curious manner. The diligent student is allowed to smoke a cigar during the lesson. When the whole class has given satisfaction, permission is given for a general smoke, and even the little Mexicans are allowed to light a cigarette for the occasion. Needless to say, the schoolmaster himself smokes a cigar of a size and quality proportionate to his superior position. But the scholars are not allowed to drink, this privilege being accorded to the master only. On his desk he always keeps a bottle of liquor, which, when empty, occasions much dispute among the parents of his scholars, as it is considered an honor to be able to fill the schoolmaster's bottle.

England's Dog Law.

Some misguided person returning from a continental holiday has wondered why dogs are not used in England as beasts of burden. The reason why is nothing less simple than a statute. As long ago as 1839 an act was passed making it a punishable offense for any person within the metropolitan area to "use any dog for the purpose of drawing or helping to draw any cart, carriage, truck or barrow." Fifteen years later, in 1854, an act, passed in "the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals," extended the prohibition to all parts of the kingdom.—London Globe.

Has Done Good Work in Japan.

Miss Elizabeth Russell, who founded the Kwassai girls' school at Nagasaki, Japan, in 1879, celebrated her seventy-first birthday a short time ago. She is still connected with the school, where she does the work of three people. Beginning with a handful of girls, the school has grown until at present the enrollment is considerably more than 100. It numbers among its graduates some of the best-known women in the Japanese empire, several of whom traveled many miles to show their respect and gratitude to their old teacher at her birthday.

Advancement in Turkey.

The new Turkish minister of education says: "We have compulsory education at present, but we lack primary schools. We shall establish them. We shall develop the existing higher education. The study of history will now be allowed. We want a regime of liberty, and particularly of liberty of the press, even with all the evils it means, for it is a necessary evil."

California's Trees Very Old.

The great trees of California, it has been said, began life before the earliest dawn of Chinese history, and at the time of the deluge were older than the art of printing from type is today. Prof. Charles E. Bessey, however, contends that even 2,000 years is a great over-estimate, actual ring count of a tree 25 feet in diameter having indicated only 1,147 years.

Necessaries of a Millionaire.

What is a million sterling today? Fifty years ago a millionaire was an object of universal curiosity. But in order to "astute" people to-day one needs a few country and town houses and estates, stables full of horses, garages full of motors, a luxurious yacht and an aeroplane or two.—Paris Gaulois.

Has High Position in China.

Sir Walter Hillyer has been appointed expert adviser to the Chinese government. Sir Walter was born in China of English parents and is a learned linguist. Li Hung Chang once said that he spoke and wrote Chinese as well as the most highly educated mandarins.

Natural Growth of New York.

After eliminating the immigrant increase to the population of New York city, it is growing annually 65,000 by natural accretion.

Danger in Poisonous Ribbons.

Poisonous ribbons are the latest fad to the health of the occupants of the nursery. Unwary may look unseen in the pretty bows that decorate the baby's bonnet. "I have a little girl eight months old, for whom I have made some pretty white bows and capes, which I trim with soft satin bows," writes a correspondent of the London Daily Mail. "Last Wednesday I was trimming one with apple green ribbon purchased from one of the best shops in London. The child got hold of a short piece and sucked it, with the result that half an hour after she had convulsions and was very ill all night. Had she been a weakly child the green coloring matter would probably have killed her."

Money Left for Good Purpose.

Benjamin Rose of Cleveland, O., who died in England a few weeks ago, left the income of an estate valued at upward of \$2,000,000 to be used for charitable purposes, and placed it in charge of 15 women. Fifteen Cleveland women are named in his will as the board of trustees and are to have entire charge of the estate. It is to be used for the assistance of aged people, men of 65 or more and women of 60. They are to be provided for in their homes, or homes are to be provided for them if necessary. Needy, crippled children are also to be looked out for. Not only are their needs to be supplied, but every effort is to be made to cure them.

Large Trade in Dutch Bulbs.

According to a recently issued British consular report, the trade in Dutch bulbs continues to increase. There are in Holland 10,000 acres of bulb farms, producing yearly some 15,000 tons of bulbs for export. Nearly half of this comes to the United Kingdom. It is remarkable that the Dutch thus maintain their supremacy, and can still produce better bulbs than English florists. Some attribute this to the peculiarity of the soil of Holland, and the bulb farms are mostly on an area between Leyden and Haarlem, recently reclaimed from the sea. The lily bulb trade, however, has passed almost entirely to Japan.

Pottlatch.

Pottlatch is a custom of distributing gifts practiced by the Kwaiwi, Chinmayan and other tribes of the northwest coast. The principal actor in the ceremony is some member of the tribe who has spent years in accumulating treasures of all kinds, which he gives away in one grand display of generosity. All the tribesmen of the villages for miles around attend the ceremony. Honor blinds the recipients of the gifts, however, to such an extent that they become indebted to the giver to double the amount of the present, so that the pottlatch is, instead of an extravagance, a wise investment against future need.

Peru Adopts Standard Time.

By a decree of the government of Peru, issued by President Pardo, the time of the seventy-fifth meridian west of Greenwich was on July 28 adopted as the national standard time for the whole of Peru. The meridian is only a few minutes from that of Lima, and runs almost exactly through the middle of the country. All timepieces throughout Peru will now coincide with those in the United States where eastern time is kept. Peru is the first South American republic to adopt the world standard.

Restaurant at High Altitude.

What is probably the highest restaurant in the world has been opened at the Eismeer station of the Jungfrau railway in Switzerland. It is situated 10,000 feet above the sea level, close to the summit of the mountain. The food is not cooked by means of ordinary fuel, but by electricity generated by the Lutschine waterfall, deep down in the valley below.

Uninspiring Plays.

What the theater should do for the playgoer is to provide him not with an absence of thought, but with a change of thought. The tragedy of the present-day London stage lies in the fact that so many entertainments produced on it, instead of offering a change of thought, probably have the effect of driving the spectator back upon his own personal cares and concerns.—Pall Mall Gazette.

East Indian Woman Writes Book.

Miss Cornelia Sorabji, a Parsee, who was educated and took her degree at Oxford, has just published a book. She is local adviser to the government of India in cases in which the zenana and the rights of women are concerned, and most of the material for her book was collected in this way. She calls the book "Between the Two Lights: Studies of Indian Women."

Guarded Against Extortion.

Formerly the custom in important cities during festival times was to limit the price of food and lodging by statute. In Canterbury during the celebration of the bicentenary of Becket's translation (1672) the price of bread was fixed at two loaves for a penny (two cents), a fairly high figure considering the comparative value of money then and now, and wine brought 16 cents a gallon.

Saving Bank for Employees.

In order to encourage thrift among its employees the Northwestern Railway Company of England some years ago established a savings bank at which deposits as low as sixpence are received, four per cent. interest being paid on accounts up to £250 and 2½ per cent. on sums in excess of that amount.

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